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UP HOLLAND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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for the year ending 31st December, 1957.

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Councillor Mrs. N. Heyes (Vice-Chairman), and all members of the Council.

Medical Officer of Health: G. H. Potter, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector: J. Terence Iball.

UP HOLLAND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1957.

To the Chairman and Member of the Up Holland Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report on the health of the district for the year ended 31st December, 1957, compiled in the abbreviated form indicated by the Ministry of Health.

1. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area : 4,686 acres.

Population (Census 1931) : 5,538.

Estimated mid-1957 (Registrar General) : 6,570.

Total Number of houses (Census 1931) : 1,199.

Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1957 according to Rate Book: 2,019.

Rateable Value: £39,993.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate : £156.

Up Holland is chiefly an agricultural area. Other industries include brickmaking and mining.

VITAL STATISTICS.

		<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births:	(Legitimate.	45	55	100
	(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
		45	55	100
Still Births:	(Legitimate.	2	3	5
	(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
		2	3	5
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:	(Legitimate.	1	Nil	1
	(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
		1	Nil	1
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:	(Legitimate.	1	Nil	1
	(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
		1	Nil	1

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total</u>
DEATHS:	34	42	76

Birth-rate (Crude) per 1,000 of the estimated population mid-1956 ... 15.2
 Death-rate (Crude) per 1,000 of the estimated population mid-1956 ... 11.6

STATEMENT SHOWING COMPARATIVE STATISTICS IN RESPECT OF THE YEARS 1952 - 1957.

	Live Births.		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths.		Maternal Mortality.		Infant Mortality.			
	No. Regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 total births.	No. of deaths regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 total births.	No. of Deaths regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 live Births.	Total.	Neo-natal.
Year 1957.	100	15.2	76	14.7	5	48	Nil	Nil	1	10	1	10
Year 1956.	115	17.9	59	11.6	3	25	Nil	Nil	3	26	2	17
" 1955.	96	15.0	81	14.8	6	59	1	9.80	2	21	2	21
" 1954.	96	15.0	59	10.8	3	30	Nil	Nil	3	31	1	10
" 1953.	101	15.7	58	9.8	6	56	Nil	Nil	2	20	2	10
" 1952.	95	15.0	65	11.2	1	10	Nil	Nil	3	32	3	32
Average 5 years.	-	15.72	-	11.64	-	36	-	1.96	-	26	-	18

Adjusted : Live Birth-rate (comparability factor, 1.00) = 15.2 per 1,000.
 : Death-rate (Comparability factor 1.27) = 14.7 per 1,000.

In the next table are shown the chief causes of Death and number of Deaths from each cause in 1957, and comparative figures for the year 1956:-

<u>Cause of Death.</u>	<u>No. of Deaths in 1956.</u>	<u>No. in 1957.</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory.	2	---
Tuberculosis, other.	---	---
Diphtheria.	---	---
Whooping Cough.	---	---
Meningococcal infections.	---	---
Acute Poliomyelitis.	---	---
Measles.	---	---
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	---	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	1	---
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	3	6
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia.	---	---
Diabetes.	---	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	13	13
Coronary disease, angina.	5	10
Hypertension with heart disease.	2	3
Other heart disease.	12	17
Other circulatory disease.	2	7
Influenza.	2	1
Pneumonia.	3	---
Bronchitis.	4	1
Other diseases of respiratory system.	---	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	1	---
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	---	---
Nephritis and nephrosis.	---	1
Hyperplasia of prostate.	---	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	---	---
Congenital malformations.	2	---
All other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	5
Motor vehicle accidents.	---	---
All other accidents.	---	2
Suicide.	1	1
	<u>59</u>	<u>76</u>

2. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Laboratory Arrangements. Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Pathological Department of the Wigan Royal Infirmary and the Liverpool Corporation, and the arrangements are satisfactory. A report on every examination is made to the Public Health Department.

Ambulance Arrangements. Ambulance service in the district is provided by the Lancashire County Council. Vehicles are stationed at Billinge Ambulance Station, and highly satisfactory service is being provided.

National Assistance Act, 1948 and 1951. No action under Section 47 of these Acts were taken by the Authority during the year 1957.

3. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply. The water supply is obtained from Deep Wells in the district, situate at Roby Mill and Tontine.

It was again found necessary to obtain temporary pumping equipment from the National Coal Board to maintain our water supply from the Roby Mill Pumping Station, owing to a series of breakdowns in the existing submersible pumps.

4 samples of water were sent for bacteriological examination during the year, and the results proved to be satisfactory. Also 4 samples of water were sent for chemical analysis.

Regular chlorination of the water supply is carried out.

1998 houses in the district have a piped supply of water from the main, and 6 houses obtain their supply from wells.

Drainage and Sewerage. There are six small Sewage Disposal Works in the District. The main works (Dams Head) are in satisfactory condition. The smaller works have been functioning as satisfactorily as possible, bearing in mind the type of Works.

Discussions are now proceeding in connection with the introduction of a sewage system in Chequer Lane, and the reorganisation of either the Tawd Bridge or the Holland Moor sewage disposal works. Furthermore, every effort is being made to facilitate the conversion of privy middens to the water carriage system.

Sanitary Accommodation (at end of 1957).

Number of Privy Middens	...	...	...	...	60
Number of Closets attached to these middens	...	...	...	...	119
Number of pail closets	...	...	...	...	32
Number of dry ashpits (excluding middens)	...	...	...	...	180
Number of moveable ashbins	...	...	...	...	1574
Number of fresh water closets	...	...	...	...	2040
Number of houses on water carriage system	...	...	...	...	1785

Under the General Conversion Scheme, the local authority pays a contribution of £12. towards the cost of a conversion, or bear half the cost if the total cost is less than this amount. 10 conversions were made in 1957.

Public Cleansing. Street scavenging and removal of house refuse are carried out by the Local Authority.

Privy middens and ashbins are emptied regularly and the Council's own refuse Collection Vehicle is engaged in the removal of refuse to controlled tips.

There is no destructor in the District.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Number of premises visited	...	...	...	...	133
Number of nuisances discovered	...	...	...	...	33
Number of nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	21
Number of Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	10
Number of Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	2
Number of Legal Proceedings	...	...	...	...	1
Result of Legal Proceedings - Order issued by the Court of Summary Jurisdiction against the owner to carry out the repairs under Statutory Notice; and costs.					

Shops and Offices. 12 inspections were carried out during the year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1950, relating to ventilating and temperature of shops, and sanitary conveniences.

Camping Sites. There are none in the district.

Smoke Abatement. There are 7 factory and works chimneys in the district. No special action was taken with regard to smoke abatement.

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Swimming Baths and Pools. There are none in the district.

Disinfestation of Verminous Premises. Two houses were found to be infested during the year, and were disinfested by fumigation with Sulphur and Insecticide spray.

Insecticides are distributed free where considered necessary by the Local Authority.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

1. No. of rodent operatives employed - (a) Full time - Nil.
- (b) Part time - 1.

2. Action relating to rodent control during year ended 31st December, 1957:

	Non-agricultural		Agricultural.
	Dwelling Houses.	All Other.	
(a) No. of properties in district	1959	64	60
(b) No. of properties inspected	280	70	60
(c) Total inspections carried out (including re-inspections)	320	70	80
(d) No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:			
Rats - major	Nil	Nil	Nil
minor	60	Nil	Nil
Mice - major	Nil	Nil	Nil
minor	40	Nil	Nil
(e) No. of infested properties treated	120	Nil	Nil
(f) Total treatments carried out (including re-treatments)	220	Nil	Nil
(g) No. of "Block" control schemes carried out.	Nil	Nil	Nil

- (h) Any other action - Inspected and treated two refuse tips, six times during the year, and inspected and treated five sewage works four times during the year.

3. Particulars of other infestations under the Act (Sect. 28) - Nil.

Schools.

Total number of schools in the district	...	...	8
Number of schools with unsatisfactory yard surfaces	.	.	1
Number of schools with fresh water closets	...	...	8
Number of schools with dust-bins	...	...	8
Number of schools supplied with water from mains	...	...	8
Number of schools with drainage to public sewers	...	...	7

The facilities for handling meals at the schools are considered satisfactory.

4. HOUSING.

The first slum clearance programme of 12 houses was completed during the year, and a second slum clearance programme of 10 houses was commenced. Work in connection with a third slum clearance programme of 18 houses in

the west-end of the district was instituted, and this will consist of three blocks of six houses to be erected on three separate plots of land in Ormskirk Road.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

Number of new houses erected during the year -
Traditional permanent houses:-

	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Flats.</u>
(i) By Local Authority	12	Nil
(ii) By other Local Authorities	Nil	Nil
(iii) By other bodies or persons	20	Nil

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total no. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	260
(b) No. of inspections, made for the purpose	290
(2) Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:	
(a) No. found during year	Nil
(b) Total No. (or estimated no.) existing at end of year	300
(3) No. of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	8

2. Houses Demolished:-

In Clearance Areas - (Housing Act, 1936, and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954):

- (1) Houses unfit for human habitation
- (2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.
- (3) Houses on land acquired under Section 27, Housing Act, 1936 ...

Not in Clearance Areas:

- (4) As a result of procedure under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936.

<u>Houses Demolished.</u>	<u>Displaced during Quarter</u>	
	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
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1	Vacant premises.	
<u>Number</u>		
12	42	12
Nil	--	--
Nil	--	--

3. Unfit Houses Closed:-

- (1) Under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936, and Sections 10(1) and 11(2), Local Govt. (Misc. Prov.) Act, 1953.
- (2) Under Sections 3(1) and 3(2), Housing Act, 1949
- (3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936 ..

4. Unfit Houses Made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied:-

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(1) After informal action by local authority ...	26	---
(2) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts (b) Housing Act, 1936	7 19	--- ---
(3) Under Section 5, Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954	Nil	---

5. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954:-

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings (2)
Position at end of year:		
(1) Retained for temporary accommodation -		
(a) Under Section 2	Nil	Nil
(b) Under Section 3	Nil	Nil
(c) Under Section 4	Nil	Nil
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 6	Nil	Nil
6. <u>Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-</u>		
	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants (2)
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year	Nil	Nil

7. Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement grants, etc:-

No Improvement grants were submitted during the year.

5. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- MILK SUPPLY. Routine inspections of farms and dairies have been carried out and a good standard of cleanliness maintained. 4 samples of milk for bacteriological and chemical analysis were taken during the year and all proved to be satisfactory.
- Meat. There is one private slaughterhouse in the district. Twelve pigs were killed and carcases inspected during the year. All carcases were satisfactory.
- Food Poisoning. No case of Food Poisoning was reported during the year.
- Ice Cream. There is one Ice Cream manufacturer in the district. The premises have been inspected regularly and found to be satisfactory. Licences are issued for the sale of wrapped ice-cream on application being approved and premises found to be satisfactory on inspection. 4 samples of ice cream were taken during the year - all being Grade 1.

5. Byelaws. The No. of food premises, by type of business, in the district at the end of the year were:-

General Grocers and Provision Dealers	...	...	31
Green Grocers and Fruiterers	...	...	2
Meat Shops ..	...	...	3
Bakers and/or Confectioners	..	...	4
Fried Fish Shops ...	...	...	2
Licenced Premises ..	...	...	22

The number of food premises, by type, registered under S. 14 of the Food and Drugs Act or under Local Acts were:-

Ice Cream Manufacturers	...	...	1
Preserved Meats	...	...	4

During the year, special examinations of food stocks or consignments were carried out and the following were condemned:-

Tinned Corned Beef.	4 lbs.
Tinned Steak.	6 lbs.
Tinned Pineapple.	12 ozs.
Tinned Tongue.	6 lbs.
Tinned Ham.	59 lbs. 4 ozs.
Pork.	8 lbs.
Bacon.	150 lbs.

The method of disposal of all condemned food was by depositing on the Local Authority's Refuse tip.

6. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

During 1957, cases of Infectious Disease requiring Hospital treatment were removed to Whelley Hospital and Astley Sanatorium.

Five cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year.

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year.

Twenty-two cases of Measles were notified during the year, and 19 cases of Whooping Cough of a mild type.

Free immunisation against Diphtheria is provided for any pre-school or school child. During 1957, 76 pre-school and 9 school children were immunised. In addition 91 children were given a secondary or boosting injection. Also 72 pre-school children were immunised against Whooping Cough, with Whooping Cough Vaccine only or a combined (Diphtheria-Petrussis or Diphtheria-Tetanus-Petrussis) type or prophylactic, and 42 pre-school children and 134 school children were immunised against poliomyelitis.

Disinfection. Disinfection of premises is carried out by the local authority. Dwelling houses are dealt with on removal of cases to Hospital or release from isolation of infectious cases.

During 1957 - 8 houses were disinfected.

Houses are disinfected by the method of Formaldehyde fumigators.

TABLE OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1957.

Diseases	Total cases all ages	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 and over	Total Deaths	Total cases removed to Hospital.	Deaths in Hospital.
Scarlet Fever.	5	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.	22	1	3	2	3	2	10	-	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	19	2	1	1	4	4	6	1	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0-	5-	15-	45-	65 and over							
Acute Pneumonia.	4	-	-	2	1	1					-	-	-
Erysipelas.	1	-	-	1	-	-					-	-	-
Food Poisoning.	-	-	-	-	-	-					-	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia.	1	-	-	1	-	-					-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS. This service is under the control of the Regional Hospital Board, and the Up Holland cases attend the Chest Clinic, Millgate, Wigan.

One new case of Tuberculosis was notified during 1957, this being a case of Respiratory Tuberculosis. No Deaths from Tuberculosis were registered during the year.

The following Table shows the new cases of Tuberculosis in age groups:-

Age Periods.	New Cases.			
	<u>Respiratory.</u>		<u>Non-respiratory.</u>	
	M	F	M	F
0-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-
2-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-
10-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-
20-	-	1	-	-
25-	-	-	-	-
35-	-	-	-	-
45-	-	-	-	-
55-	-	-	-	-
65-	-	-	-	-
75 & upwards-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1	-	-

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

G. H. POTTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

